



## **MINUTES OF THE OLD MUIRITE UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021 AT 17H00 VIA ZOOM**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice was read out by the President, Mr Andrew Binning (Class of 1988), that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Old Muirite Union for the year ending 31 December 2020 will be held via Zoom Cloud Meetings (Meeting ID: 934 0442 6806 Password: R94ejE) on 27 May 2021 at 17h00

### **WELCOME AND OBITUARIES**

The President welcomed all who were in attendance.

The following have been noted as having passed away since the last AGM

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Reg Bedrick	1960
Gavin Bessinger	1962
Theodore Bonthuys	1963
Justin Bosman	1962
Cecil Cawood	1962
Dene Coetzee	1962
Patrick Cooney	1963
Brian De Scanda	1962
Johnny Engelbrecht	1962
Arnold Fouche	1962
David Franks	1960
Geoff Gilardi	1962
Aubrey Gouws	1962
Neil Gustavson	1962
Winston Herring	1962
Victor Horsford	1960
Keith Kennedy	1962
Eric Kirsten	1960
David Levy	1963
Athol McEwan	1962
Trevor Mew	1960
Neville Meyer	1961
Dale Meyer	1960
Desmond Minnie	1961
Cornelius Nothnagel	1962

Perry Ray	1962
Christopher Powell	1963
Erwin Rautenbach	1962
Dennis Riggs	1962
James Short	1960
Gerald Smith	1962
Ronald Swanepoel	1962
Neil Taylor	1962
Graydon Turner	1960
Andre van Eck	1960
Warracker Robertson	1962
Alexander Watson	1960
Cedric Werth	1962
Grant Gillmer	1969
Guy Rawlins	1961

### **ATTENDANCE**

1. Andrew Binning (Chairman of the meeting, President of the OMU, Class of 1988, based in PE)
2. George Yerolemou (OMU Vice President, Class of 1987, based in PE)
3. Mark Bakker (OMU Secretary, Class of 1988, based in PE)
4. Joel Katz (OMU Treasurer, Class of 1988, based in PE)
5. Robin Stephenson (School Headmaster. based in Uitenhage)
6. Riaan Claassen (OMU Committee, Class of 1987, based in PE)
7. Leo Doria (OMU Committee, Honorary Old Muirite, based in PE)
8. Lyntin Gouws (OMU Committee, Class of 1998, based in Uitenhage)
9. Thomas Terblanche (OMU Committee, Class of 2008, based in PE)
10. Clayton du Plooy (OMU Committee, Class of 2005, based in PE)
11. Matt Fish (Class of 2008, based in PE)
12. Carl Harrison (Class of 1988, based in UK)
13. Warwick Owen (Class of 1962, based in PE)
14. David Groves (Class of 1981, based in Switzerland)
15. Graeme Smith (Class of 1988, based in Durban)
16. Alan Samuels (Class of 1973, based in Johannesburg)
17. Alan Giese (Class of 1966, based in PE)
18. Steve McDonald (Class of 1971)
19. Asanda Singata (Class of 1999, based in Johannesburg)
20. Lance Hilliard-Lomas (Class of 1988, based in Johannesburg)
21. Vuyo Dyan (Class of 2007, based in PE)
22. Nathan Thomas (Class of 2005, based in Cape Town)
23. Nathan Dennis (Class of 2012, based in PE)
24. Jonathan Ossher
25. Buchule Sibaca (Class of 2009, based in Cape Town)
26. Neil Hamp-Adams (Class of 1987, based in Dubai)
27. Geoff Collier (Class of 1986, based in PE)
28. Wendy Knott-Craig (OMU Manager, based in PE)

## **APOLOGIES**

1. Ian Jepson (Class of 1963)
2. Robert Sharman (Class of 1971)
3. Charles van Renen (Class of 1963)
4. Paul Ellis (Class of 1980)
5. Mark Sims (Class of 1978)
6. Neil Crawford (ex Head Master)
7. Brett Botten ((Class of 1982)
8. Craig Cuyler (Class of 1996)
9. Mark Beckett (Class of 1989)
10. Andrew Ramsbottom (Class of 1983)
11. Fabrizio Altichiero
12. Paul Frew (Class of 1991)
13. Nic Bakker (Class of 2007)

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM AND ANY SUBSEQUENT GENERAL MEETINGS HELD SINCE THEN**

Outstanding Issues from 2020

1. Updating of the Constitution, which will be finalised at this AGM
2. 2019 Minutes – the original scribed minutes could not be traced and the minutes could not be updated

2020 Minutes Proposed by George Yerolemou, and seconded by Thomas Terblanche

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There is no correspondence to raise

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. The aim of the Old Muirite Union is to bring Old Muirites together and to support them, and to support the school.
2. A full time OMU Manager was appointed earlier this year. A lot more communication has been going out to the members since then.
3. The leadership of the OMU is strong, with an Exec, a committee and national and international reps. The President thanked them for their ongoing commitment and support.
4. The Muir Foundation was launched in April and the Solar Project (the first project) is currently running. The profits from this project will go to bursaries going into the future.
5. Founders' Week 2022:
  - a. A provisional programme has been drawn up.
  - b. A budget has been drawn up.
  - c. Sponsors are being identified.
  - d. Dates for the week have been finalised: 2 – 9 August 2022. The announcement will go out on Monday 31 May 2021.
6. Business Portal:
  - a. 10 Old Muirites have been appointed to play a leadership role in the growth of this online Portal.
  - b. It needs to be improved especially for the younger generations who would like to make use of it
7. The updating of the database is ongoing. Carl Love (Old Muirite) has been working closely with Wendy to assist in updating it. Wendy & Carl were thanked for their efforts.
8. Neil Hamp-Adams was thanked for all his assistance with the design work for the OMU

The President's report was proposed by George Yerolemou and seconded by Asanda Singata.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>15 301</b>
Subscriptions	-
Net Projects/Bar Trading Income	-39 780
Annual Dinner	-7 646
Golf Day	22 900
Rugby day	-
Legacy Fund	-
Insurance Claim	-
Sponsorships - Afrisave/Potenza Oil/CSI	-
Interest Received	1 827
Bursary fund donations	-
Hire of clubhouse	-
Donations from Old Boys/School	38 000
Ties & Badges	-
Trivia Evening	-
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>46 262</b>
Bursary payments	-
Bad Debts - Afrisave	-
School support - Sports & awards	-
Bank charges	2 301
Repairs - Clubhouse	-
Insurance	5 874
O.M.U. Expenses	25 920
advert	-
Ties	12 167
Postage and Stationery	-
Secretarial expenses	-
<b>NET INCOME/ (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-30 960</b>

1. Loss of R7k for the dinner due to poor attendance as it was just before lockdown
2. Golf day brought in approximately R23k
3. Ties were handed to the matrics – this will become an ongoing tradition
4. Loss of income at the bar due to Covid
5. Appointed a part time OMU Manager
6. R25k spent on Alumnet and training
7. It was requested that the Financials be finalised a month before the AGM to be available to all members. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Exec Meeting.

The Financials were proposed by Mark Bakker and seconded by Buchule Sibaca.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

1. It was proposed that the Muir Foundation's Auditors, BDO, be appointed as the OMU's auditors.
2. Discussions held re: saving costs and asking an Old Muirite who is a CA to sign them off
3. It was agreed that George Yerolemou and Riaan Claassen would review the financials internally.
4. It was agreed that Buchule Sibaca and Nathan Dennis would sign off the financials annually thus ensuring no conflict of interest.
5. The President thanked Buchule and Nathan for volunteering.
6. The President thanked Joel Katz, Treasurer, for his ongoing commitment as the treasurer.

### **MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN GIVEN**

1. Changes proposed by the Exec were accepted and approved.
2. Changes proposed during the meeting via two Old Muirites were discussed.
3. Updated Constitution will be made available to all on the website.
4. Should any members wish to make further changes, they are to please send said changes to Wendy Knott-Craig for discussion and approval at the next AGM

The constitution changes were proposed by George Yerolemou and seconded by Joel Katz

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

1. No nominations received for additional office bearers.
2. All current committee members have agreed to stand for another term.

Proposed by Lance Hilliard-Lomas and seconded by Neil Hamp-Adams

### **GENERAL**

1. Question raised as to why only male teachers were members of the OMU and not the female teachers.
  - a. The constitution states that pupils and male teachers who have been at the school for one year or longer can be members of the OMU
  - b. Discussions held around the fact that it is a boys only school.
  - c. Discussions also held that the teachers are the ones who fully understand and embrace the school's ethos and values, whether they be male or female.
  - d. Mention was made not to discriminate against anyone and that transformation follows various avenues.
  - e. A proposal needs to be made to the committee for discussion for the next AGM.
2. Robin Stephenson, Muir College Headmaster, thanked the OMU Committee and old boys for their interest in and support to the school.

The meeting closed at 18h10.